

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the title as follows:

~~OPTICAL PARTS, OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM AND METHOD FOR~~

~~MANUFACTURING THEREOF~~

OPTICAL COMPONENT, OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM, AND MANUFACTURING

METHOD THEREFOR

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In summary, the above-described objectives are achieved by the following ~~aspects~~ embodiments of the present invention.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

(12) A manufacturing method for an optical component, comprising the steps of: applying a material among materials containing any of a hydrolyzed solution of metal alkoxide, a solution of a polymer and a polymerizable monomer dissolved in an organic solvent, and a solution of an ionic bond crystal material dissolved in a solvent; forming a gel-like or solid-like optical material layer by removing a solvent from the applied material through drying; coating this gel-like or solid-like optical material layer with an organosilicon resin layer; and stacking the solid component with ~~the~~an optical material layer and the organosilicon resin layer sandwiched between the substrate and the solid component.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 22, with the following
rewritten paragraph:

The abovementioned organosilicon resin comprises a siloxane bond $-\text{Si}-\text{O}-\text{Si}$ and a $\text{Si}-\text{R}$ (R : an alkyl group or other organic group), is generally referred to as silicone oil, and is excellent in heat resistance and chemical resistance. Thus, the reliability of the optical recording medium 48-20 can be maintained.